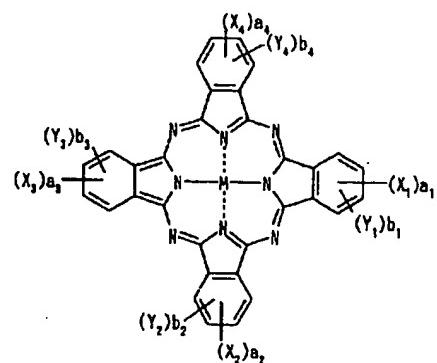


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[Claim 1] An ink composition for ink jet recording,
prepared by dissolving and/or dispersing the dye
represented by the following general formula (1) in at
least one aqueous medium, characterized in that at least
one anionic surfactant is contained in the ink composition.

General formula (1)



where X_1 , X_2 , X_3 and X_4 each independently represents $-SO-Z$, $-SO_2-Z$, $-SO_2NR_1R_2$, a sulfo group, $-CONR_1R_2$ or $-CO_2R_1$. Z represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group. R_1 and R_2 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group. When a plurality of Z are present, they may be identical or different. Y_1 , Y_2 , Y_3 and Y_4 each independently represents a monovalent substituent. In addition, when any of X_1 to X_4 or Y_1 to Y_4 are present by plurality of numbers, they may be identical or different. M represents a hydrogen atom, a metal atom or an oxide, hydroxide or halide thereof. a_1 to a_4 and b_1 to b_4 each represents the number of substituents of X_1 to X_4 and Y_1 to Y_4 , a_1 to a_4 each independently represents an integer of from 0 to 4 where all of them do not represent 0 simultaneously, and b_1 to b_4 each independently represents an integer of from 0 to 4.